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1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. SOVIET EMBASSY TRAVEL:

- REQUESTS - 53
- TRAVELERS - 67 EMPLOYEES, 42 DEPENDENTS
- DENIALS - 5
- REQUESTS FOR 24-HOUR EXCEPTIONS - 1, GRANTED
- REQUESTS FOR CA EXCEPTIONS - 0

IN ADDITION, TWO EMPLOYEES OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATION WERE REFUSED PERMISSION TO TRAVEL TO BALTIMORE FOR FAILURE TO GIVE 24-HOUR NOTIFICATION OF THE TRIP. THE FIFTH DENIAL IN NOVEMBER WAS THAT GIVEN TRADE REPRESENTATIVE EMPLOYEE [REDACTED] AS REPORTED REF C.

3. SOVIET CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO TRAVEL:

- REQUESTS - 21
- TRAVELERS - 18 EMPLOYEES, 19 DEPENDENTS
- DENIALS - 7
- REQUESTS FOR 24-HOUR EXCEPTIONS - 5, DENIED 3
- REQUESTS FOR CA EXCEPTIONS - 2, BOTH DENIED

A SECOND ROYAL DENIAL WAS GIVEN TO VICE-CONSUL [REDACTED] WHO WISHED TO VISIT SAN JOSE. THE SOVIET CONSULATE REQUESTED TWO CA EXCEPTIONS: ONE FOR CONSUL SLEPENKOV TO VISIT SAN DIEGO AT THE INVITATION OF THE SAN DIEGO U.S./SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY; AND ONE FOR 52 MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE TO GO TO FORT ROSS HISTORICAL PARK NORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO. BOTH WERE DENIED.

TWO OF THE 24-HOUR EXCEPTION REQUESTS IN SAN FRANCISCO WERE FOR TOY PERSONNEL [REDACTED] WHO WISHED TO TRAVEL FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO NEW YORK CITY ON 29 NOVEMBER AND 1 DECEMBER. THESE INDIVIDUALS EVIDENTLY FLEW FROM WASHINGTON TO SAN FRANCISCO EARLIER IN THE MONTH WITHOUT FILING TRAVEL NOTES. THEIR MOVEMENT WAS DISCOVERED ONLY AFTER THEY SUBMITTED THE NOTES FOR TRAVEL TO NEW YORK. THEIR REQUESTS TO GO TO NEW YORK ON SHORT NOTICE WERE TWICE DENIED, AND THEY WERE FINALLY PERMITTED TO TRAVEL ONLY ON 2 DECEMBER SO THAT THEY COULD DEPART THE COUNTRY PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THEIR VISAS OF 5 DECEMBER. THE DEPARTMENT IS FOLLOWING THIS UP WITH A STRONG REMINDER TO SOVIET EMBASSY RE NECESSITY FOR TOY PERSONNEL TO FILE TRAVEL

NOTES FOR ALL INTERNAL TRAVEL FOLLOWING THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE FIRST STATED DESTINATION IN THE U.S. THEY MAY PROCEED DIRECTLY TO SAN FRANCISCO OR NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT STOP OVER IN DC MORE THAN 2 DAYS IN TRANSIT. IF THEY REMAIN MORE THAN 2 DAYS IN WASHINGTON, THEY MUST FILE TRAVEL NOTE FOR ANY ONWARD TRAVEL. EMBASSY MAY WANT TO REMIND IFA OF THIS LONG-STANDING REQUIREMENT AT AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY. FYI: THE NEXT TIME TOY PERSONNEL IGNORE THIS REQUIREMENT WE WILL HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE RESPONSIVE ACTION.

4. SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS FILED 14 REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL TO OPEN AREAS. ALL WERE APPROVED. IN ADDITION, ONE CORRESPONDENT REQUESTED A 24-HOUR EXCEPTION FOR TRAVEL. IT WAS APPROVED:

5. INTOURIST SUBMITTED TWO NOTES FOR TRAVEL TO OPEN AREAS. ONE WAS APPROVED; THE SECOND WAS DENIED FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR NOTICE.

6. AEROFLOT SUBMITTED 12 REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL TO OPEN AREAS. ALL WERE APPROVED.

7. RE PARA 4, REF E: THE DEPARTMENT ENTERTAINS REQUESTS FOR CHANGES IN EITHER DATES OF TRAVEL OR ITINERARY AS IT DOES REGULAR REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL. AS LONG AS THE REQUEST IS FILED 24 OR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE CHANGE BEING REQUESTED, NO EXCEPTION REQUEST IS NEEDED, WHETHER THE REQUEST IS MADE BEFORE OR AFTER THE TRIP HAS BEEN STARTED. IF THE REQUEST, HOWEVER, IS TO MAKE A CHANGE THAT WILL OCCUR LESS THAN 24 OR 48 HOURS AFTER SUBMISSION OF THE REQUEST, THEN THE APPROPRIATE TIME EXCEPTION MUST BE REQUESTED. SINCE THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN SOME CONFUSION ON THE PART OF IFA CONCERNING TRAVEL REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT THE EMBASSY TAKE THE NEXT APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE IF IFA HENCEFORTH PLANS TO REQUIRE EXCEPTION REQUESTS WHEN CHANGES ARE MADE LESS THAN 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE TRIP.

REPRESENTATIVES OF EUR/sov PLAN TO ALSO RAISE THIS ISSUE BRIEFLY WITH SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIALS, REITERATING OUR POLICY AND

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POINTING OUT THAT INCREASED RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL WILL

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